

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office restricts the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I Claim(s) 29-34 and 45-50, drawn to an anode active material comprising an alloy material including element M and element R and a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising the anode,

Group II Claim(s) 35-40 and 51-56, drawn to an anode active material comprising an alloy material including tin and element R and a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising the anode,

Group III Claim(s) 41-44, drawn to a method of manufacturing an anode active material.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I claim(s) 29-34 and 45-50, drawn to an anode active material comprising an alloy material including element M and element R and a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising the anode.

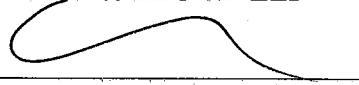
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s), if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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